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PAGS FOR 1976: COUNTRY MUSIC, SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, SOFT  
ROCK GROUP

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1. GOSKONTSERT ACCEPTS ROY CLARK BUT SUGGESTS THAT HIS  
INTRODUCTIONS WILL NOT BE UNDERSTANDABLE AND THAT SUCH  
INTRODUCTIONS BE DONE BY A RUSSIAN M.C. TIME CHANGE  
REFTEL A PRESENTS NO PROBLEM BUT GOSKONTSERT STRONGLY  
REQUESTED MINIMUM THREE-WEEK TOUR. GOSKONTSERT  
REQUESTS LYRICS AND OPPORTUNITY TO VIEW CLARK SHOW AS  
IT WILL APPEAR HERE IN LAS VEGAS PRIOR TO COMING BUT THIS NOT  
EXPRESSED AS BLOCK TO NEGOTIATIONS OR SIGNING.

2. GOSKONTSERT PERCEIVES PROBLEMS IN SCHEDULING OF NYPO  
SEPTEMBER TWO - EIGHTEEN AND IS NOT YET READY TO GIVE  
DEFINITE ANSWER. THEY ADMIT THAT SEPTEMBER TWO - EIGHTEEN IS  
THE BEST OF THE TIMES OFFERED AND PROMISED FINAL ANSWER  
BY SEPTEMBER TWELVE.

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3. GOSKONTSERT OFFICIALS ADMITTED THAT AMERICA EVEN

BETTER

THAN CROSBY,STILLS,NASH AND YOUNG AND  
THAT THERE ARE NO ARTISTIC PROBLEMS TO PRESENTATIONS OF  
GROUP. GOSKONTSERT CONTINUED THAT FINAL DECISION LIES WITH  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE AND THAT PROBLEMS THAT MIGHT ARISE ARE:  
(A) THIS IS FIRST MAJOR ROCK GROUP TO COME TO SOVIET UNION  
AND A NEW POLICY MUST BE SET; (B) THERE IS A FEAR OF CROWD  
REACTION TO ROCK MUSIC AND MINCULT MUST BE ASSURED THAT THIS  
IS NOT LIKELY. EMBOFF ASSURED GOSKONTSERT THAT GROUP WAS  
SERIOUS AND WELL DISCIPLINED, THAT CONCERT DRESS IN SOVIET  
UNION WOULD BE APPROPRIATE AND STAGE MANNERISMS  
ORDERLY. GOSKONTSERT OFFICIAL EXPRESSED HIS DESIRE THAT  
THE PRESENTATION BE EDUCATIONAL FOR SOVS ABOUT THIS TYPE  
OF MUSIC AND QUOTE MORE ACADEMIC UNQUOTE IN ITS PRESENTATION.  
HE REQUESTS ALL THE LYRICS OF THE GROUP'S SONGS WITH THE  
INTENTON OF HAVING FULL TRANSLATIONS IN THE PROGRAM NOTES.  
HE PROMISED TO TAKE UP THE MATTER WITH MINCULT AND GIVE A  
DEFINITIVE ANSWER ON SEPTEMBER TWELVE.

4. COMMENT: GOSKONTSERT OFFICIALS WERE JOVIAL DURING ROY  
CLARK TAPE AND THERE IS NO PROBLEM WITH CLARK.  
HOWEVER DURING AMERICA TAPE THEY WERE MUCH MORE NERVOUS.  
THIS SEEMED RELATED TO THEIR COMMENTS THAT AMERICA IS  
ACCEPTABLE FROM GOSKONTSERT'S STANDPOINT AND THAT THEY  
NOW PERCEIVE THE THREAT OF HAVING THEIR POSITIVE DECISION  
REVERSED AT A HIGHER LEVEL. POST WILL FOLLOW UP AND REPORT  
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